

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a computer monitor utility assembly structured to be mounted in association with a computer monitor in order to effectively shield the computer screen from glare, thereby reducing user eyestrain and fatigue and improving display readability, provide a convenient additional work or storage space without occupying substantially more space than the monitor itself, increasing user privacy, and conveniently, selectively and compactly orienting and concealing commonly required multi-media user accessories, in a single, adjustable, modular, and convenient way to utilize and implement the assembly.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The use of computers in a variety of applications such as word processing, accounting, desk-top publishing, computer-aided drafting, engineering, programming, and spreadsheets, is now widespread. These applications demand continued use of the computer for more hours than ever before and have raised concerns about user fatigue, eye strain, headaches, neck/back muscle tension, and other related undesirable health effects. As computer

usage in the workplace [[has]] increases due to advances such as electronic mail, computer ordering/billing, internet advertising, computer faxing, and on-line services, reducing an employee's computer-related fatigue plays an increasingly vital role in enhancing productivity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6 line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to use of a computer at a work place, computers are more and more frequently being utilized as sales aides, such as at a trade show. The computers uses in such a circumstance can range from illustrating new software or hardware capabilities, to demonstrating products and variations of a manufacturer which may or may not have anything to do with computers. One principal difficulty associated with utilizing a computer in those circumstances relates to the limited space available. For example, space at a trade show can be quite expensive and quite limited for each individual vendor. As a result, space considerations may sometimes take precedent over the desirability of utilizing a computer display. If, however, a system was provideded which could maximize the space taken up by the computer monitor/display, it would greatly expand the effectiveness of the presentation by permitting the use of an adequate sized computer display without

compromising any other sales considerations such as the use of printed charts and photos, and the convenient distribution of product literature.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17 line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Turning to the computer monitor utility assembly 10 itself, it includes a universal mount base 30. The universal mount base 30 is structured and disposed to preferably be removably, yet securely attached to the top surface 24 of the monitor 15, in a preferably centrally disposed orientation. Moreover, the universal mount base 30 is preferably secured generally near the front surface 20 of the monitor 15 and is structured to provide the primary secured engagement between the computer monitor utility assembly 10 and the monitor 15. Preferably, the universal mount base 30 is a substantially rigid, elongate member, and is secured to the monitor 15 by way of a substantially high density hook and loop fastener pad 46. The individual portions of the hook and loop fastener pad 46 are correspondingly secured in a substantially strong manner, by an adhesive or equivalently secure fastening structure, to the universal mount base 30 and to the top surface 24 of the monitor 15 such that they may be correspondingly secured together with the high density construction thereof maintaining the substantially

secure yet removable connection. Of course, other more integral attachments including screws, clips, direct molding, adhesives and/or brackets may also be used. Also, as in the embodiment of Figures 20 and 21, an additional mounting structure may be provided, such as the illustrated cantilever bracket 230. As indicated, such additional mounting structure is especially beneficial for use with thinner monitors wherein a surface area for engagement is reduced. Preferably one or more of the cantilever mount brackets 230 are provided and may be disposed to extend along the front and/or rear surface of the monitor, so as to prevent tipping of the computer monitor utility assembly 10 under weight. [[AS]] As such, a front and rear engagement, while not required may be preferred. Furthermore, each of the cantilever brackets 230 preferably includes a contact segment 231 that actually engages the monitor, the contact segment 231 [[is]] being preferably soft in nature so as to engage the monitor, allows for tightening, such as by adjusting the angle of the cantilever bracket 230, and not damage the monitor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20 line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to ~~achieve~~ achieving an effective degree of shading to the screen 26 of the monitor 15, the top panel 110 also address the important need to maximize the available space at a work area. In particular, the upper mount assembly 40 is structured to securely retain the top panel in an orientation and with sufficient strength such that a number of articles, such as papers and the like can be supportably retained on the top panel 110. This secure retention of the documents is also done at a generally elevated position above the screen 26 of the monitor 15 such that documents or other articles disposed thereon do not interfere with the viewing of the screen 26. Additionally, the top panel 110 preferably includes a lip 112 extending along a front edge 111 thereof. The lip 112 functions to substantially retain the notebooks, letters, documents, fliers, or similar materials which are placed on the top panel 110 in a convenient, out of the way, space maximizing, accessible location. Indeed, this lip 112 is especially beneficial because of the general desirability to maintain the top panel 110 in preferably a downwardly sloped orientation towards the front edge 111, as best shown in figure 1, thereby maximizing the shading to be achieved thereby. Also, this downwardly sloped orientation also facilitates access and/or viewing of the articles on the top platform 110 by the user, without substantial risk of those documents obscuring the user's

view and/or sliding off onto the user. The top panel 110 may also include raised lips on its side edges, as shown in figures 1 and 2, so that items placed on the top panel 110 cannot slide off the sides.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24 line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

As yet another embodiment, a transceiver 242, such as for wired or wireless communication with a headset 243 may be provided. As such, the headset includes a microphone and speaker as part thereof. Furthermore, one or more USB ports 250 that are preferably externally accessible by the user and are in communicative association with a corresponding USB processor of the computer, may also be provided. Accordingly, easier accommodation and connection of certain peripheral devices may be achieved. Of course, internal connectivity to the USB port may also be provided, as [[ma]] may be beneficial with certain alternate embodiments as will be described in connection with the side panels.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35 line 6 following amended paragraph:

The computer monitor utility assembly 10 may also be configured so as to be fully adaptable and accommodating to the

various computer peripherals offered in the industry in a variety of alternative manners. Consistent with the theme to increase functional ~~workplace~~ workspace, the improved computer monitor assembly 10 is designed to support various computer cables and peripherals in a manner which frees usable desk space and reduces overall clutter. As such, the improved computer monitor utility assembly 10 may include a computer microphone 60 adjustably and operatively secured preferably to one of the side panels 120. Although a smaller microphone may be included for mounting to any portion of the assembly, in the preferred embodiment an elongate, swivelable microphone will be included such that it may extend from the side panel 120 towards the user when necessary. Moreover, an alternative embodiment of the improved computer monitor utility assembly 10 may also include a computer video camera 70 adjustably mounted in a similar manner to one of the side panels 120 or beneath the top panel 110 so as to effectively capture a person utilizing the computer.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 15 replacement sheets comprise a formal presentation of Figures 1-34, which are to replace the 15 annotated sheets also including Figures 1-34 as originally filed.

Attachment: 15 Replacement Sheets of formal drawings
 15 Annotated Sheets as originally filed